

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 735

Commemorating the fourth annual Milwaukee Brides Walk and recognizing all Brides Walks held to protest against domestic violence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. KIND, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PETRI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the fourth annual Milwaukee Brides Walk and recognizing all Brides Walks held to protest against domestic violence.

Whereas the first “Brides Walk” was held in New York over 8 years ago in memory of Gladys Ricart, who was brutally murdered by an abusive ex-boyfriend on her wedding day as she was handing the floral bouquets to her bridesmaids;

Whereas the first Brides Walk was started by Josie Ashton, a domestic violence advocate who put on her wedding dress and started a 1,600-mile march down the East Coast from New York;

Whereas every year women across the world organize walks dressed as brides to not only remember Gladys Ricart, but to protest against domestic violence;

Whereas domestic violence is the willful intimidation, assault, battery, sexual assault, or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another, which includes women and men;

Whereas 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas 1 in 5 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape;

Whereas on average, more than 3 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States every day;

Whereas 1,247 women and 440 men were killed by an intimate partner in 2000;

Whereas 30 percent of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year;

Whereas roughly 300,000 to 400,000 men are treated violently by their wife or girlfriend;

Whereas in Wisconsin in 2007, 37 individuals lost their lives at the hands of a current or former partner, or were present at the scene when domestic violence was occurring and lost their lives during the incident;

Whereas in 2007, Wisconsin domestic abuse programs provided service to 28,655 women, 8,915 children, and 3,103 men;

Whereas the Milwaukee Brides Walk was the first Brides Walk in the state of Wisconsin and took place on Sep-

tember 17, 2006, the second Brides Walk took place on September 16, 2007, and the third Brides Walk took place on September 14, 2008; and

Whereas the purpose of the 2009 Milwaukee Brides Walk will be to honor the memory of deceased victims and promote awareness of domestic violence issues in the Latino community: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-  
 2 memorates the fourth annual Milwaukee Brides Walk and  
 3 recognizes all Brides Walks held to protest against domes-  
 4 tic violence, and honors the memories of all victims of do-  
 5 mestic violence.

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